

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0037] as follows:

Second locking member 18 has sufficient resiliency to maintain second locking tabs 48 in an inwardly biased position. However, second locking member 18 can be deformed to move second locking tabs 48 outward when pressure is applied to releasing buttons 50. For example, second locking member 18 can have an elliptical shape defining a major axis 52 and a minor axis 54 as seen in FIG. 4. Here, ~~see id~~ second locking tabs 48 are defined along minor axis 54 and releasing buttons 50 are defined along major axis 54. Second locking member 18 has sufficient resiliency to allow pressure applied at releasing buttons 50 to move locking tabs 48 radially outward to clear second opening 26. Once pressure on releasing buttons 50 is removed, second locking member 18 returns to its original shape. In this manner, connecting member 10 can be releasably connected to pole 12.